

Tomorrow is an exciting day, and not just because it's Friday. And especially not because it's tax day; I don't know anyone who looks forward to April 15<sup>th</sup> for that. Instead, tomorrow is an exciting day because Frear Park Golf Course will be opening, a clear sign of spring if there ever was one.

So tomorrow morning, at 8:30 a.m., I get to enjoy one of the finer pleasures of being the mayor, hitting the first drive of the year at the course. Of course it will probably be nowhere near the fairway, but that is not the point. Unfortunately after I hit the ball, it's back to City Hall for work.

Just so everyone knows the following are the rates for the course in 2005:

Season pass rates for 2005 season include:

Single Resident	\$500	Single Non-Resident	\$850
Jr. & Sr. Resident	\$325	Jr. & Sr. Non-Resident	\$550
Husband/Wife Resident	\$750	Husband/Wife Non-Resident	\$1300

Green fee rates for 2005 include:

Weekday 18 holes Non-Resident	\$23.00
Weekday 18 holes Resident	\$16.00
Weekend 18 holes Non-Resident	\$25.00
Weekend 18 holes Resident	\$18.00
9 Hole Resident (anytime)	\$12.00
9 Hole Non-Resident	\$14.00

You may have also heard last week that someone committed an act of vandalism on the course with a vehicle, causing thousands of dollars worth of damage. There is no excuse for such juvenile behavior, and there is an award for \$750 leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible. Frear Park is a true gem in our City, and we would like it to be treated as such. Any information about the vandalism should be given to the Troy Police Department.

Finally, for those of you who don't know, there is a new restaurant at the golf course this year called S.M. Mulligan's. The owner of the establishment, Sean Hughes, has an excellent track record with both O'Leary's Tavern and Holmes and Watson, and will be a welcome addition to the course. In previous years many people complained about the quality of the food and service at the restaurant, which is an issue we feel has been addressed with the addition of Sean.

So, Happy Spring, and for all you golfers out there, Frear Park is officially open for business this weekend, so I hope to see you there.

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Mayor of Troy